

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, and 5-15 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 4 has been canceled.

I. Preliminary Matters

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the drawings filed March 30, 2004.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohno (U.S. Patent No. 6,490,024). Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 4. Claim 4 has consequently been canceled. Therefore, claim 1 and dependent claims 2 and 3 should now be deemed allowable.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-15 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 4. Claims 5-15 should be deemed allowable, without amendment, by virtue of their dependency to claim 1.

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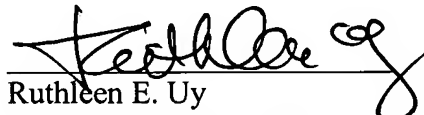
Further, Applicant submits that the claims should be governed by their actual claim language and not by the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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